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Epiphany

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: People of God, arise, shine, for your light has come!
The light of Christ has come into the world. Immanuel.
God with us. So arise, shine, for your light has come!

PEOPLE: **And we will follow the light- when it shines
brightly in the night sky... when it glows dimly
on the horizon. We will follow the light – when
it leads down familiar paths to expected
destinations, when the road is unfamiliar and
the star rests above a dubious-looking home.
We will lift up our eyes and look around,**

LEADER: And when we see the Christ child, may our hearts be
overwhelmed with joy.

PEOPLE: **When we are in the presence of Immanuel, may
our knees bend in worship. When our journey
brings us, finally, to the heart of God, May our
hands open in generous sharing; May our
mouths open in generous praise.**

***HYMN # 66 (VS. 1-4) “WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Your light shines in the darkness, O God, and we confess that
sometimes we prefer to hide under cover of darkness, where we are
free to participate in injustice, to hurt others and ourselves, to do

whatever it takes to get ahead, to operate only in our comfort zone
without challenge.

We forget that your light of true freedom will shine, calling us
to a more excellent way. We forget that the promise of a child is a
promise for the future—that there is more beyond us, beyond our
desires, beyond our brokenness, beyond our understanding.

Forgive our short-sightedness. Forgive our hardened hearts.
Forgive our complicity in systems that hurt and abuse your earth, your
people, your church, your world. Shine your light again this day,
that we may see and follow your path. Amen.

PROMISE OF GOD

LEADER: Like the Baby of Bethlehem, we are born anew. God's
forgiveness cradles us; God's love is poured out on us.

PEOPLE: **What a marvelous gift – forgiveness! Filled
with hope and new life, we can sing God's praises
forever.**

LEADER: Friends believe the Good News . . .

PEOPLE: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*RESPONSE # 66 (VS. 5) “WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE”

Glorious now, behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice

Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.

*O, Star of wonder, star of night; Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding; Guide us to Thy perfect light.*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

ANTHEM

WORD TO THE CHILDREN

SECOND LESSON

SERMON

***HYMN (SEE INSERT) “LOVE HAS COME”

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERN

DEDICATION OF REFUGEE GIFTS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND PETITION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS/DEBTORS)

Our Father, who art in Heaven,

Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,

On Earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom and the power

And the glory forever. Amen.

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE (TMB)

“WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?”

What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice, and love kindness,

and walk humbly with your God.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The gift of Bethlehem has come to bless us, and so may our gifts bring hope, bring healing, bring peace, and bring grace to citizens and immigrants, prisoners and refugees, to all who need you and who hunger for your gifts, O God. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (SEE INSERT)

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

***Those Who Are Able Are Invited To Stand**

*****Latecomers May Be Seated**



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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

SUNG RESPONSE: (INSERT; V 1-3) "HERE, O OUR LORD, WE SEE YOU"

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May the God of newness be with you.

And also with you.

People of Christmas, offer your hearts to God.

**We lift them to the One who comes,
new hope and life cradled in loving hands.**

People of the Holy One of Bethlehem, sing glad praises to our God.

We come, for we have received the good news,

**we have believed the Word, we are given joyful songs to
sing.**

When chaos thought there was no end,

So, with those in every place,

and with those from every time,

we join our voices, singing to you:

Sung—Holy Holy Holy

You could have kept us scattered As we begin this year with hope,

we remember his promise to be with us always,

even as we tell of that mystery we call faith:

At the beginning of time, Christ was the Word of creation;

at the right time, Christ was the Word of redemption;

at the end of time, Christ will be the Word who brings us

home.

And in this time, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND FINAL HYMN

(SEE INSERT; VS. 4-5) "HERE, O OUR LORD, WE SEE YOU"